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*Via Electronic Filing*

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: MM Docket No. 99-325**  
**Presentation of National Public Radio, Inc.**  
***Ex Parte* Notice**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, et seq. of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation in the above referenced proceeding.

On Monday, August 22, 2005, Kevin Klose, NPR President and Chief Executive Officer, Mike Starling, NPR Vice President for Engineering and Operations, and Mike Riksen, NPR Vice President for Government Relations, met with Commissioner Copps and Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, to discuss public radio's continuing interest in digital radio broadcasting, specifically including digital audio multicasting. NPR reported on the progress of NPR stations in converting to digital operation, stressed the importance of multicasting in enabling public radio to increase and enhance its public service programming, and urged the Commission to authorize multicasting as a routine part of digital radio operations.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2055.

Sincerely,

*Michelle M. Shanahan /s/*

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